



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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Hello!

Thank you for your continued interest in the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site.

Beginning the week of September 20, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) will start excavating lead-contaminated soil in the "battery-chip areas" of Venice and Eagle Park. If you live in these areas, you may notice this \$5 million cleanup occurring in alleys, driveways, parking lots and some yards. Heavy equipment such as back hoes, front end loaders and trucks will be used to remove the soil, however, workers will dig with hand shovels along the edges of sidewalks and driveways.

The excavation will usually take place from approximately 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays, through the end of December. Air monitoring will be regularly conducted during the cleanup. Results will be posted at the Venice City Hall and at the southeast corner of Harrison and Roosevelt in Eagle Park.

U.S. EPA's soil sampling program for private property in Granite City will also begin this Fall. Approximately 130 residences and privately owned lots will be re-sampled or sampled for the first time. Many of these pieces of property are being re-sampled because of inconclusive results previously collected. First-time sampling is being done to verify lead levels on property that was missed or upon request from residents who acquired property since the first round of sampling was completed. If you own property in Granite City that has not yet been sampled for lead, please contact me as soon as possible so I may add you to the schedule. The actual cleanup will begin by Spring 1994. Priority will be given to residents with high lead levels in their soil, with young children at home, and who volunteer to have a cleanup done.

If you have any questions concerning the cleanup or sampling programs to be done this Fall, please feel free to contact me at 1-800-621-8431, or on my direct number at (312) 886-4742. If you call my direct number, I will be happy to call you right back to avoid any costly long-distance charges on your telephone bill.

Sincerely,

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